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In re application of: Findlater, et al.

Attorney Docket No.: CISCPO35/384

Application No.: 09/089,312

Examiner: Ton, A.

Filed: June 2, 1998

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Title: REDUCED PIN COUNT MICROPROCESSOR
INDEPENDENT INTERFACE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice dated March 5, 2002, in the above-identified application, a copy of the Response filed February 21, 2002 including a clean copy of the amended Abstract and continuing data paragraph (on pages 1 and 2 of the corrected Response) in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121 is provided herewith. A clean copy of the amended Abstract on a separate page is also provided.

Applicants believe that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below. If any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 500388 (Order No. CISCPO35).

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2001, favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following comments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the Abstract paragraph on page 21 with the following amended paragraph:

C1
A system and method are disclosed for providing a method of communicating between a media access control (MAC) layer and a physical (PHY) layer. The method includes sending a 100 MHz time-division multiplexed signal on a receive data line and sending a time-division multiplexed receive control signal on a receive control line. A 100 MHz time-division multiplexed signal is sent on a transmit data line and a time-division multiplexed transmit control signal is sent on a transmit control line.

Please replace the paragraph under the heading "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" on page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

C2
This application is related to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/089,033 filed on June 2, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 5,953,345, entitled "Reduced Pin-Count 10Base-T MAC to Transceiver Interface" and co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/088,956 filed on June 2,

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